

BROTHERS in ARMS

Baseball Bible Study

"COURAGE"





- 1. What type of situations come to mind when you hear the word “courage”?**
- 2. What are the areas in our life that courage can have an impact?**

- **Physical Courage** - acting in spite of the risk of bodily harm or death.
- **Social Courage** - acting in spite of the risk of social embarrassment, rejection, or becoming unpopular.
- **Intellectual Courage** - acting and engaging/challenging ideas at the risk of making mistakes.
- **Moral Courage** - doing the right thing, “walk the talk”
- **Emotional Courage** - open to feeling and experiencing the spectrum of positive emotions even at the risk of encountering the negative ones.
- **Spiritual Courage** - secures us when challenged about faith, purpose, and meaning.

"MORAL COURAGE"

2 Peter 1 : 5-7

5 In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, 6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, 7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone. 2 Peter 1 : 5-7 (NLT)

Stand for what is right against all opposition and adversity.

COURAGE

Matthew 5 : 10 - 12 (NLT)

10 God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. **11 “God blesses you** when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers. **12 Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward** awaits you in heaven. And remember, **the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way.**

WITHOUT MORAL COURAGE
OUR FAITH WILL BECOME
WEAK AND FALTER.

The Big 3 of MORAL COURAGE

1. CONVICTION OF FAITH

2. WILLINGNESS TO STAND BY FAITH

3. WILLINGNESS TO LIVE BY FAITH

13 Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong. 14 And do everything with love.

1 Corinthians 16 : 13-14

Moral Courage vs Moral Cowardice

- Cowardice knows what is right, but does not do it.
 - Cowardice tries to justify itself to his peers.
 - Cowardice values safety over truth.
 - Cowardice fears the consequences of standing up for truth.
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- Courage is open publicly about his faith.
- Courage requires a purpose filled heart.
- Courage trusts in God.
- Courage will not compromise with sin.

**Sin must not be
tolerated for the sake
of PEACE**

**7 For we live by believing and not by seeing.
2 Corinthians 5 : 7**

**38 If anyone is ashamed of me and my message in
these adulterous and sinful days, the Son of Man
will be ashamed of that person when he returns in
the glory of his Father with the holy angels
Mark 8 : 38 (NLT)**

**14 “You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that
cannot be hidden. 15 No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a
basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light
to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your good
deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your
heavenly Father.
Matthew 5 : 14–15**

12 Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.

1 Timothy 4 : 12

22 Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts.

2 Timothy 2 : 22

11 Dear friends, I warn you as “temporary residents and foreigners” to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls. 12 Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world

1 Peter 2 : 11-12